124 लाख रुपए का लाभ (कर से पहले) भी कमाया है।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Low power generation by Power Plants

905. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the power plants are generating power below their installed capacity;

(b) if so, what is the number of such plants and their location; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor and details of the steps being taken to improve their productivity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) THE MINISTRY OP POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) State-wise power stations having low energy generation as compared to the target during April—August, 1991 is given in Statement. *[See* Appendix CLX, Annexure No. 87],

'(e) Generation of power depends both *on* the requirements (Load) and transmission and distribution system constraints. It is, therefore, not possible to generate power from generating units to its full capacity as performance of power station depends upon a number of factors including planned maintenance, forced outages etc. in the case of thermal and nuclear units and availability of water in the reservoirs in the case of hydro units. The power generation also depends on the system -load conditions which varies within the day between peak hours and off-peak hours. Various measures taken to improve the generation of thermal stations include Renovation and Modernisation of old units, assistance to State Electricity Boards in underaking Plant betterment programme, supply of requisite quality and quantity of coal, training of personnel, and improvement in transmission network.

Coal reserves in Tindharia area in Darjeeling district

906. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that coal reserves exist in the entire Tindharia area in the district of Darjeeling in West Bengal where hundreds of families are earning their livelihood by selling the coal pieces or dusts;

(b) if so, whether any survey of the area has been made; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDAR): (a) to (c) Geological Survey of India (GSI) have conducted regional exploration to locate coal reserves in Tindharia area in the district of Darjeeling, West Bengal. Occurrence of thin Impersistent coal seems as lenses and pockets have been reported under difficult Geo-mining condition in the Tindharia area of Darjeeling district. As a result of exploration carried out by GSI, a total of 15 million tonnes of coal reserves have been estimated in Darjeeling Coalfield. There is no information about the selling of coal by people of Tindharia area.

Non-receipt of electricity bills in **Aram Bagh Government Colony**

907. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to UnStarred Question 359 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th March, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the consumers of Block No. 170, Aram Bagh, a Government colony are now receiving their electricity bills regularly from D.E.S.U.;